(c) The Reserve Bank of India in consultation with the banks and financial institutions has evolved a mechanism which helps in detecting industrial sickness at the incipient stage. The banks and financial institutions also draw rehabilitation packages in respect of sick industrial units after ascertaining their viability. In addition, Government have enacted a comprehensive piece of legislation, namely "The Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985" which provides for setting up of a quasi-judicial body known as the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) to deal with the problem of sick industrial companies in the country in an effective manner. The BIFR is empowered to consider various aspects of revival and rehabilitation of a sick industrial company, such as change of management, amalgamation with healthy company, sale, or lease of a part or whole of the undertaking or such other preventive, amaliorative and remedial measures, as may be considered appropriate. The BIFR has been constituted by the Government in January, 1987 and it has become fully operational with effect from 15.5.1987.

Action by MRTPC against false advertisements

100. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether MRTP Commission has been taking *suo moto* action against false advertisements and if so, the details of such investigations and action taken during the last two years;

(b) whether MRTPC has been sufficiently strengthened all over the country;

(c) whether Regional MRTPC benches will be set up;

(d) whether Government are aware that there have been complaints of extortionist and exploitative activities against some of the voluntary agencies and if so, how are these being handled; and

(e) whether it will be ensured that such "voluntary" agencies whose Managing Trustees or other top functionaries are in the pay of private firms in any form are not recognised and put on any bodies under the Consumer Protection Act, 1986 both at the Centre and in the States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) The MRTP Commission has initiated *suo moto* action in a number of cases of false advertisements during the last two years, under the relevant provisions of the MRTP Act, 1969. The time and effort involved in compilation of details of investigation in such cases and action taken thereon would not be commensurate with the purpose sought to be achieved.

(b) The staff to assist the MRTP Commission is suitably strengthened as and when the need to do so is felt.

(c) No decision has been taken regarding setting up of regional MRTPC benches.

(d) Under the MRTP Act, 1969, the MRTPC looks into Monopolistic, Restrictive & Unfair Trade Practices as defined in the relevant provisions of the said Act.

(e) No such procedure is envisaged in the Consumer Protection Act, 1986.

Facilities to sick Public Sector unit

101. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several large industrial Houses have been exploiting Government policies to help sick units and if so, what cor-